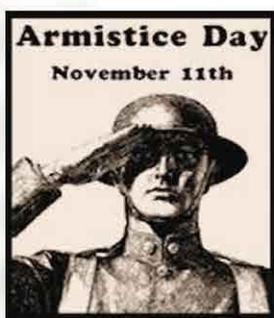


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The area covered by the Society includes Weston-super-Mare and the Parishes in North Somerset and in the Axbridge Registration District as shown on the back cover.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except August and December, at the Vintage Church, Hughenden Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2UR. The doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments and informal research. Meetings start at 7.30pm. *New members and visitors are always welcome.*

The Society tries to encourage and stimulate interest in family history generally and has a very positive link with Weston-super-Mare Library, which has excellent local history resources and facilities. Each Saturday, volunteers from the membership are in the Library from 2.00pm until 3.30pm to assist anyone who wants to start searching for their ancestors or who has a problem with their research.

Enquiries may be made through our website www.wsmfhs.org.uk – Use the ‘Contact Us’ button towards the top right-hand corner of the home page.

Enquiries can also be addressed to the Secretary of the Society:

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Please note that the next issue is due for publication at our February meeting. The deadline for articles is 31 January 2019. Thank you.



Editorial

by Sue Maguire

Hello Everyone

Welcome back! It's November 2018 and, as we are commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War, it feels appropriate to dedicate Issue 96 of 'Buckets & Spades' to The Fallen and their families, also to others who have served, and those who are continuing to serve our country. Thank you for the great response for contributions and apologies if I have been unable to include your article this time. Please be assured that outstanding items will go towards our February issue. By the way, this is my first anniversary as Editor and I am very grateful for your valued support over the past months.

I felt the need to do something special this year as our family lost two cousins in The Great War, so I registered with 'Armistice 100' and became one of 1,400 new bell ringers, recruited to represent that number of ringers who died. This meant practising regularly in my own village church and others, in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. It has been a positive experience and I plan to continue. I also became a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Collector and will volunteer again next year. I thought this was a good way for me to 'remember' and say, 'thank you'.

As you are probably aware, Pat (Chair) and Peter (Vice Chair), who do so much for our Society, have been unwell recently. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a good recovery and we look forward to their return.

Reminder – WSMFHS membership subscriptions are due on 1 January 2019.

I hope to see many of you at our future monthly members' meetings and, remember, you can also contact me by email at smaguire15@yahoo.co.uk

Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

THANK YOU!

Following our appeal, a big thank you to everyone who recently assisted in serving teas and coffees before the start of our Society meetings. I am sure you will agree that refreshments, upon arrival, are very welcoming and it's a nice way to socialise with other members.

Thank you also for purchasing our new Society mugs, which have proved very popular – there are only a couple left!

If you haven't already served our teas and coffees, please take a turn by adding your name to the list on the table, when you arrive. Remember - there are only 10 meetings each year and 'many hands make light work'!



by The Editor

WSMFHS Autumn Lunch at Worlebury Golf Club Monday, 1 October 2018

Did *you* attend the recent 3-course Society lunch? If not, then you missed a treat – the food was excellent, the views over the Bristol Channel were delightful, great chats went on amongst the 24 of us and, to cap it all, it was superb value for money!

See you there next year?

by Jenny Towey

Thoughts from the Chair
by Pat Hase



First of all, may I thank everyone who sent good wishes to me while I am going through chemotherapy. It was very heart-warming to read your messages and I hope to be back attending meetings when my immune system has returned to normal. Our Vice Chair, Peter de Dulin, was ably filling in for me when he too was struck down and he is now recovering from heart surgery. Our thoughts and best wishes for his speedy recovery go to him and to Gillian.

The Membership and Committee are exceedingly grateful to Jenny Towey for standing in for Peter and me to ensure the smooth running of the Society.

Our thanks also go to Jim and Margaret Nigh who for so many years have overseen the Exchange Journals. Their attendance with the Journals has been a welcome addition to our meetings and has meant a journey from Bristol for them each month. I first met Margaret in September 1949, when we started the same secondary school in Bristol, and it has been a pleasure to continue this connection through our common interest in Family History. Jim and Margaret have decided to relinquish this role, but the Journals will still be available at our meetings. Although many societies have stopped exchanging copies with us, we have asked members who receive Journals from other societies to share them with ours. It is surprising what information can be gleaned from other societies and it is always interesting to read about other people's research. We wish all the best for the future to Jim and Margaret and hope that we will continue to see them whenever they feel they can join us at a meeting because it won't be the same without them.

I missed the Autumn Lunch, but it has been reported to me that a good time was had by all and the occasion is valued by those who attended as an informal way of socialising with other members. Thank you, Peter, for organising it again.

This edition will reach you just after the commemoration of the end of the First World War and I'm sure that the many exhibitions and programmes about the War has made us all think about how it affected our own families. It is so easy just to record the death of a family member without really considering the effect on his or her nearest and dearest. My own grandfather survived the War but suffered from the effects of gassing in the French trenches, however, he never talked about his experiences which was in common with many of his comrades. We can only imagine the devastation caused in so many families when members were lost, but we remember with gratitude those who served their country whether they paid the ultimate sacrifice or suffered the consequences for many years afterwards.

SAPPER JOHN GLIMSTEAD

Editor: Further to our June issue, Brian Austin kindly provided this additional information.

'Weston Mercury 1917 (22 September), with picture on page 5 – Sapper 'Royal Engineer Killed'.

Also note, Driver Herbert Henry John Glimstead, Wessex Engineers, killed age 19 – Mercury 1916 (9 December), on page 3.'

There is only one War Memorial in Locking. It is in St Augustine's Church and it is dedicated to John Glimstead killed in 1917, near Ypres during the Battle of Passchendaele.



NOTES ON SOME WW1 CASUALTIES by Pat Hase

On 31 July 1917, the opening day of the Battle of Passchendaele, 6528 deaths are recorded on the *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* website, including these from Weston-super-Mare:

- Lt Neville Ernest BAKER, the son of Ernest BAKER, the Solicitor and local historian, who had also lost his eldest son, Aubrey Halliwell BAKER, the previous year.
- Private Frederick Theodore PFAFF from the family of German origin who later had a well-known shop in Meadow Street.
- Private Stanley TAYLOR, who lived in Palmer Street.

In 1917, Ernest E BAKER and family lived at Glebe House, Grove Road.

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birthplace
Ernest Edward	Baker	Head	Married	56	1855	Solicitor	Somerset, WsM
Beatrice	Baker	Wife	Married	52	1859	-	Surrey, Streatham
Sybil Beatrice	Baker	Daughter	Single	24	1887	-	Somerset, WsM
Eileen Mildred Morgan	Baker	Daughter	Single	17	1894	-	Somerset, WsM
Neville Ernest	Baker	Son	Single	15	1896	School	Somerset, WsM
Olive Mary	Fisher	Visitor	Single	22	1889	-	Westmoreland, Windermere
Laura Winifred	Hay	Servant	Married	24	1887	Parlour Maid	Wilts, Calne
Kate	Hutchings	Servant	Widow	34	1877	Cook	Somerset, Litton
Emma Gladys	Creek	Servant	Single	19	1892	Housemaid	Somerset, Wiveliscombe

Aubrey Halliwell BAKER (aged 21) was a Law student and, in 1911, when the census was taken, he was boarding with other Law students and a young Barrister at Strathmore House, Bude, in Cornwall.

Ernest BAKER had married Beatrice MORGAN in St Peter's Church, Streatham, Surrey, on 18 November 1885 and they had 4 children, all born in Weston-super-Mare.

Clifton Society – Thursday, 16 March 1916

KILLED IN ACTION.
BAKER.—Killed in action, on 8th March, in Mesopotamia, Captain Aubrey Halliwell Baker, 1/4th Somerset Light Infantry, aged 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baker, The Glebe House, Weston-super-Mare.

Western Daily Press – Wednesday, 15 March 1916

SOMERSETS IN ACTION
—
**LOCAL OFFICERS
KILLED.**
—

A general sense of regret was experienced throughout the Weston-super-Mare district yesterday afternoon, when it became known that Captain Aubrey Halliwell Baker, 1/4th Somerset Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Baker, of Glebe House, and Lieutenant Conrad Ivan Lillington, of the same regiment—only son of Mr and Mrs Wadsworth B. Lillington, of Elm Grove—had fallen in action on the 8th inst. while serving in Mesopotamia. The dead officers, who were respectively aged 23 and 24, were the sons of partners in the well-known legal firm of Baker and Co., and had there served their articles. Captain Baker was educated at Clifton College—where he captained the rifle team for several seasons—and at Trinity College, Oxford, where he took the degrees of B.A. and B.C.L., and had held a commission in "E" Company, 4th S.L.I., for a considerable while prior to the outbreak of war. Lieut. Lillington was educated at St. Peter's School and at Clifton College, and had passed his preliminary London LL.B. He had shot for his College rifle team at Bisley, and was a clever billiard player and Association footballer.

Note that Lt Conrad Ivan LILLINGTON, who was killed at the same time, was the son of another partner in Baker & Co, the Legal firm in Weston, and his name is also on the War Memorial in Grove Park.

BAKER, AUBREY HALLIWELL, Capt., 1/4th (T.F.) Battn. Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry), eldest s of Ernest Edward Baker, F.S.A., of The Glebe House, Weston-super-Mare, by his wife, Beatrice, dau. of Thomas Morgan, F.S.A.; b. Weston-super-Mare, 8 Aug. 1899; educ. at Duckworth's, St. Peter's, Weston-super-Mare; Clifton College (obtaining a Scholarship); Trinity College, Oxford (Second Class Final Honour School of Jurisprudence, and B.A. degree 1911; Second Class Honour Examination B.C.L. degree 1913; Final Examination of the Law Society 1914). At Clifton was a member of the O.T.C., and captain of the Shooting VIII. at Bisley, winning a bronze medal in the Ashburton Shield competition; whilst in the O.T.C. at Oxford, he shot in the 'Varsity VIII. at Bisley. 1914; gazetted 2nd Lieut. 4th Battn. Somerset Light Infantry Feb. 1912; promoted Lieut. shortly afterwards, and Capt. 7 Oct. 1914; volunteered for foreign service, and embarked for India with his battalion in Oct. 1914; from there he went to Mesopotamia in Feb. 1916, and was killed in action at the Battle of Es Sinn 8 March, 1916.



Aubrey Halliwell Baker.

The President of Trinity College, Oxford, wrote: "He charmed me from the first moment I saw him, and throughout he was a good member of the college and as admirable a young man as anyone could be." A scholar who enlisted in the same battalion wrote from India: "He was a man one could die for." His Commanding Officer wrote: "He was a gallant officer, and was very much liked by the officers and men of his battalion. To me personally I feel that I have lost a friend to whom I was much attached." *Unm.*



Probate

BAKER Aubrey Halliwell of the Glebe House **Weston-super-Mare** captain in the 1st 4th Somerset L.I. (T.F.) died 8 March 1916 in Mesopotamia killed in action Administration **Wells** 24 June to Ernest Edward Baker solicitor. Effects £1956 12s. 5d.

Western Daily Press – Wednesday, 8 August 1917

WESTON "OLD CLIFTONIAN"
KILLED IN ACTION.

Mr and Mrs Ernest E. Baker, of The Glebe House, Weston-super-Mare—whose elder son, Captain Aubrey H. Baker, Somerset L.I., perished in action in Mesopotamia last year—have been notified of the death, killed by shell fire on the 31st ult., of their younger and only remaining son, Second Lieut. Neville Ernest Baker, Royal Engineers (Signals), but recently attached to the "Tanks" Corps. In a letter to the bereaved parents, his colonel wrote: "We had all learnt to love him. He was always cheerful and ready for work, and the gap he has left in our mess will be felt for a very long time, while feelings of regard and regret have been expressed throughout the battalions of this brigade. He had a cheery and loving disposition and was cheerful to the last. A gallant soul, beloved by all." The dead officer was educated at Clifton College, where he was a member of the O.T.C. and captain of the shooting eight, and later proceeded to Trinity College, Oxford, where he joined the "Varsity O.T.C. On the declaration of war he at once proffered his services, and on August 16, 1914, proceeded to France as a motor despatch rider, and took part in the battles of Mons, the Marne, and the Aisne. In January, 1915, he was given a commission in the R.E. (Signals), and having fulfilled his training course, returned to France in November of the same year, where he had since served. His colonel added that his promotion as captain had been thoroughly well won and had been expected any day. He was 22 years of age.

Probate

BAKER Neville Ernest of The Glebe House **Weston-super-Mare** temporary lieutenant R.E. (Signals) attached H. division Tanks Corps died 31 July 1917 at Voormezele Belgium of wounds Administration **Wells** 11 December to Ernest Edward Baker notary. Effects £1769 9s. 6d.

Ernest BAKER's daughter, Eileen Mildred Morgan BAKER, married Frederick St George TUCKER on 19 June 1915 at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, but her new husband was killed in action in France on 3 July 1916.

TUCKER, FREDERICK ST. GEORGE, Major, The Worcestershire Regt., eldest s. of the late Frederick St. George Tucker, Lieut. R.A.; and gdson. of St. George Tucker, of the Bengal Civil Service (who served with other brothers through the Indian Mutiny, 1857); *b.* India, 27 Feb. 1883; educ. Heddon Court, Hampstead, N.W., and Haileybury College; gazetted 2nd Lieut. Worcester Regt. 18 Jan. 1902; promoted Lieut. 11 June, 1904; attached to the West African Regt. 25 June, 1907, to 21 March, 1912; Capt. 22 June, 1912; attached to the Royal Flying Corps 17 April, 1913, to 12 April, 1914; Temp. Major 10th Battn. 3 June, 1915; went to France July, 1915; killed in action 3 July, 1916, during the capture of La Boisselle, France. Buried at La Boisselle. Mentioned in General Sir Douglas Haig's Despatch [London Gazette, 15 June, 1916], for gallantry in the field. One of his sergeants wrote: "He is loved, admired and respected by all ranks; he never sends an officer, N.C.O., or man to a post without first going himself and sampling it as to danger. . . . When the firing is the hottest, Major Tucker is found giving cheery words to his men and confidence by his presence." Whilst serving at Sierra Leone, he saved a native from drowning in a crocodile-infested river, for which he received the Royal Humane Society's Medal; he spent four months in elephant hunting in Africa, in British and French territory, securing six elephants in addition to other big game. In the Montrose to Dublin air flight during the manoeuvres in 1913, his machine unfortunately broke down just before reaching the coast. He *m.* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 19 June, 1915, Eileen, dau. of Ernest Edward Baker, F.S.A., of The Glebe House, Weston-super-Mare; *s.p.*

Ernest Arthur ABREY - First name on the War Memorial in Grove Park*

Private Dorset Regiment, No. 30700, 1/4th City of London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers

No. GS/76041

Died: 2 November 1918 - Killed in Action, France

Buried: Famars Communal Cemetery - Extension, France, Grave No. 24

Born: 1881 - Weston-super-Mare, Somerset

Son of Charles ABREY (Middlesex) and Mary HARBER (Herefordshire) of High Gate House, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, also, of 31 Clarendon Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset. Charles ABREY was Manager of the Pottery in Weston when Ernest Arthur was born, but later is listed as a 'grocer'. His mother, Mary, had died in 1910 and there is a memorial to Ernest ABREY on her grave in Weston Cemetery. Siblings: Lilly (b.1877); Sydney C (b.1878); Edith M (b.1880); Catherine B (b.1882).

*CONTACT Christ Church, Weston-super-Mare, for information about ABREY from their research into their War Memorial. I believe that the father, Charles ABREY, was a member of Christ Church Parish Council at some time, but ABREY is not on their War Memorial.

1901 Census Transcription - 31 Clarendon Road, Weston Super Mare, Axbridge, Somerset

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birthplace
Charles	Abrey	Head	Married	52	1849	Grocer & Agent for Builders Merchant Clerk of Parish Church	Highgate, Middlesex
Mary	Abrey	Wife	Married	55	1846	-	Cradley, Herefordshire
Lily	Abrey	Daughter	Single	24	1877	-	WsM, Somerset
Sidney C	Abrey	Son	Single	23	1878	Grocer's Assistant	WsM, Somerset
Catherine B	Abrey	Daughter	Single	19	1882	-	WsM, Somerset
Ernest A	Abrey	Son	Single	19	1882	Carpenter	WsM, Somerset
Ann	Lewis	Lodger	Single	73	1828	-	Monmouthshire, Wales

Married: 1902 to Mary Helen TAYLOR of Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Resided at: 16 Stanley Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Children: Ethel May (b.1902); Gordon George (b.1904); Harold Ernest (b.1907 and he was a member of the Auxiliary Fire Service in 1939); Phyllis Mary (b.1912); Olive Muriel (b.1913). All christened at Christ Church, Weston-super-Mare.

In 1911, he was married and living at 16 Stanley Grove Road with his wife and 3 elder children. He was listed as a 'grocer's assistant', presumably to his father.

Western Daily Press, Bristol - 22 November 1918



Private Frederick Theodore PFAFF - Passchendaele victim

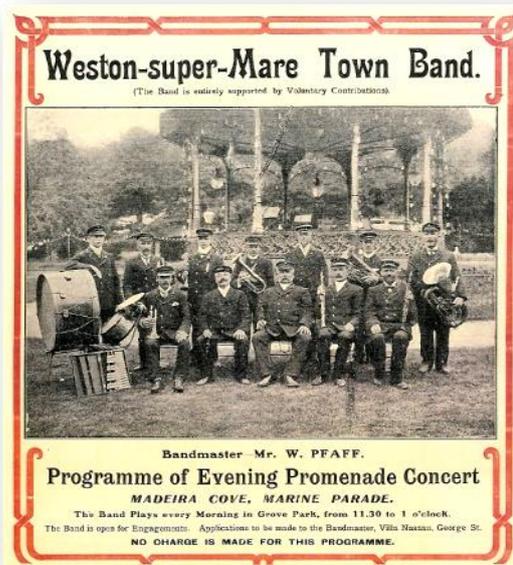
PFAFF Frederick Theodore 225285 Private 1st (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers), formerly 5228 Essex Regiment.

Killed in Action on 31 July 1917 - Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

Born 1879 in Weston - Parents Friedrich Wilhelm Ewald PFAFF & Mary Ann (née JEFFERYS) of 78 George Street, Weston-super-Mare. His father, who was the Band Master of the Weston Town Band for 40 years, was born in Germany and Mary Ann was his first wife. I believe they were married in Guernsey in about 1867.

1881 Census Transcription showing Frederick entered with his second name of Theodore, 78 George Street, Weston-Super-Mare, Axbridge, Somerset

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birthplace
Fredrich	Pfaff	Head	Married	39	1842	Musician	Germany
Mary A	Pfaff	Wife	Married	36	1845	-	Guernsey, Channel Islands
Agnes	Pfaff	Daughter	Single	13	1868	Scholar	Guernsey, Channel Islands
Minnie	Pfaff	Daughter	Single	11	1870	Scholar	Wsm, Somerset
William	Pfaff	Son	Single	10	1871	Scholar	Germany
Rudolph	Pfaff	Son	Single	4	1877	Scholar	Wsm, Somerset
Theodore	Pfaff	Son	Single	1	1880	-	Wsm, Somerset



In 1911, Frederick Theodore PFAFF was working in London as a ‘hat shop assistant’ and later, in 1911, he married Gertrude Clarissa HUNT in the Registration District of Ipswich. His brother William PFAFF set up the Gents’ Outfitters on the corner of Meadow Street and Palmer Street.

The W PFAFF featured in this advertisement was his father, Friedrich Wilhelm Ewald PFAFF, here referred to by his second name of William or Wilhelm. (original in Weston Library).

The Weston Town Band would have been involved in the recruiting of volunteers for WW1, along with Moggs Band.

Private Stanley TAYLOR - Passchendaele victim

TAYLOR Stanley, 32206, Private, Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) 8th Battalion
Killed in Action on 31 July 1917 - Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

His parents, William & Clara TAYLOR (née ABRAHAMMS), were married at St James Church, Bath, in 1879, but they were living in Weston by the time that Stanley was born in 1891. William TAYLOR was a 'chimney sweep'. In 1911, Stanley TAYLOR was an 'assistant window cleaner', lodging with Ernest JONES, a 'window cleaner', and family in Hatfield Road.

1891 Census Transcription, showing Stanley as a baby at 2 Palmer Street, Weston-super- Mare

First name(s)	Last name	Relation-ship	Marital status	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birthplace
William J	Taylor	Head	Married	36	1855	Chimney Sweep	Bleadon, Somerset
Clara	Taylor	Wife	Married	32	1859	-	Bath, Somerset
William J	Taylor	Son	-	9	1882	Scholar	Bath, Somerset
Francis H	Taylor	Son	-	7	1884	Scholar	Bath, Somerset
Betsy A	Taylor	Daughter	-	3	1888	-	Glastonbury, Somerset
Albert E	Taylor	Son	-	2	1889	-	Glastonbury, Somerset
Stanley	Taylor	Son	-	0	1891	-	WsM, Somerset
Emma	Muggleworth	Lodger	Widow	87	1804	Needle-woman	Lympsham, Somerset

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission states that Stanley left a widow, Winifred Ellen TAYLOR, living at 45 Palmer Street.

They were married in 1912 and I have found three births registered in the Axbridge District for children with the surname of TAYLOR and mother's maiden name of ROWE. Walter Stanley William TAYLOR was born in 1913, Gladys M TAYLOR was born in 1915 and Winifred E R TAYLOR was in born 1917.

GERMAN BANDS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Editor: Further to the article in last June's issue, Brian Austin has provided this interesting information. Thank you, Brian.

In the summer season of Victorian Weston, 'fashionable' bands competed for a licence to perform on the sea front, their ornate titles of 'Italian' and other nationalities were sometimes stretched a bit, but the German contingent tended to stay 'German'.

The main body of this band comprised of the Pfaff family and my first note of any German band comes in 1847, when they played on board boat trips, on the Promenade and at cricket matches.

Jacob W Pfaff (1811 -1890) came as a musician. He went to fight in the Franco-Prussian War and returned to Weston in 1871. He had five sons and seven daughters. Two of the girls married musicians, named Horstman and Ringsdorff.

Frederick W E Pfaff (1841 – 1917), the eldest son, became the much-admired bandmaster of the 'Rhine Band' and then the 'Weston Town Band', but that didn't stop him being 'interned' in 1914.

Also listed in the Band were J W Reinhold Pfaff (1846 – 1931) and J W Edward Pfaff (1851 – 1896), brothers of Fred above. In 1881, I note J William F Pfaff (1871 – 1943), aged 10, was also a 'musician'.

One son of Fred was Emile H Pfaff (1892 – 1975), who had a noted stage musical career as 'Emile de Vellen'.

All this information was passed to the Anglo-German FHS a long time ago.

I also list the other German musicians who I can identify (see below).

**German Musicians Other Than Pfaff
Census References (born Germany all)**

Achilles, Henry	1851	29	Orchard Street	
Balters, Frederick and Baldus, Frederick (same man)	1871 1881	25 35	7 Main Square and 66 George Street	
Flack, Petro J	1891		44 George Street	Nassau
Flage, Henry	1881	54	17 Alma Street	Hanover
Faust, John	1891		Villa Montabaur	
Himstedt, Charles	1861	30		
Hingolt, August	1891		Villa Monte Carlo	
Himstedt, Charles	1861		3 Queens Terrace	Hanover
Hoffman, Danial	1871	22	6 Wellington Place (with Pfaffs)	
Klages, William	1861	31	3 Queens Terrace	Hanover
Klein, Reinhold	1881	22	72 George Street (with Pfaffs)	Nassau
Kresburg, Henry	1861	34	Orchard Street	
Otter, Harriet	1891	31	Bismark Villa	
Wagner, Christopher	1881	46	32 Union Street (Naturalised British)	
Wagner, William	1881 1891	30 40	77 George Street	

Note: Charles Schutz, a German musician, married a daughter of Henry Coles, a Weston fishmonger, but he died young in Weston on 25 January 1867. His funeral was very large, showing he was extremely popular here.

Census note of Germans in Weston, remembering there was no genuine ‘Germany’ prior to 1867:

1851 none
1861 11
1871 21
1881 22
1891 34

THE BISDEE FAMILY
by Pat Hase

We recently had a query on our website about a James BISDEE from Worle who was transported to Australia with his son Edgar for stealing sheep and chickens. It is interesting to discover how this branch of the BISDEE family is connected to the wealthier Hutton branch, who lived at Hutton Court and Oldmixon Manor, and who had travelled to and from Tasmania under much happier circumstances.

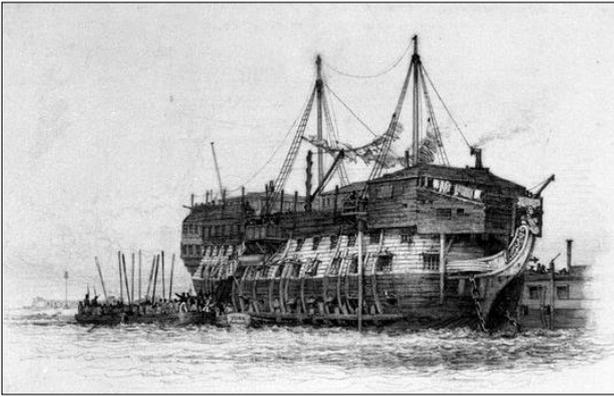
This Worle family can be found on the 1841 census living in Wick St Lawrence.

1841 Census Transcription - Wick St Lawrence, Somerset

First name	Last name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birth place
James	Bisdee	Male	35	Ag Lab	Somerset
Harriett	Bisdee	Female	35		Somerset
William	Bisdee	Male	15		Somerset
Edgar	Bisdee	Male	14		Somerset
Silvester	Bisdee	Male	12		Somerset
John	Bisdee	Male	9		Somerset
Ellen	Bisdee	Female	6		Somerset

From the transcriptions on our website, you can see that Edgar was christened at St Andrew's Church, Banwell, on 13 May 1827, when his father, James, was described as a 'farmer'.

At Wells Assizes on 28 March 1848, James and Edgar BISDEE, aged 47 and 20 respectively, were both found guilty of stealing fowls and a sheep and were sentenced to 10 years and 1-month transportation. From the various prison registers which appear online (Find My Past), this was their first offence. They were initially sent to Millbank Prison in London and then they were transferred on 26 December 1849 to a Prison Hulk, the 'HMS York' in Portsmouth Harbour.



Conditions on the Prison Hulks were often overcrowded and very unpleasant but both father and son are said to be ‘healthy’. It wasn’t until 9 July 1851 that they finally arrived in Western Australia on board the ‘HMS Minden’.

The Transportation Records describe their appearance, as this was before photography, so that the detailed description could be used if they ever absconded. It also states that James was born in Whorle [sic] and Edgar was born in Banwell. Although James was said to be able to read and write ‘well’, Edgar could only do so ‘imperfectly’. Their next of kin are all listed (as per the 1841 census) but their address is given as Bedminster, which is confirmed by the 1851 census.

1851 Census Transcription - Luckwell Lane, Bedminster, Somerset

First name	Last name	Relation-ship	Marital status	Age	Occupation	Birth place
Harrietta	Bisdee	Head	Widow	45	Charwoman	Yatton, Somerset
Silvester	Bisdee	Son	Single	20	Coal Miner	Yatton, Somerset
Ellen	Bisdee	Daughter	-	15	Home	Yatton, Somerset

Note that Harriet (entered as Harrietta) says that she is a ‘widow’, a much easier explanation than stating that her husband had been transported.

James had married Harriet LANSDOWN at St James’ Church, The Horsefair, Bristol, on 12 May 1823. It was not unusual for people from North Somerset, or South Gloucestershire or even from farther afield, to travel to Bristol to get married.

James BISDEE, who died in Victoria, Australia in 1881, had been christened at Worle Parish Church (see our transcriptions) on 7 December 1800, the son of

James and Jane BISDEE (née FRY) who had been married on 15 December 1794, also at St Martin's Church, Worle.

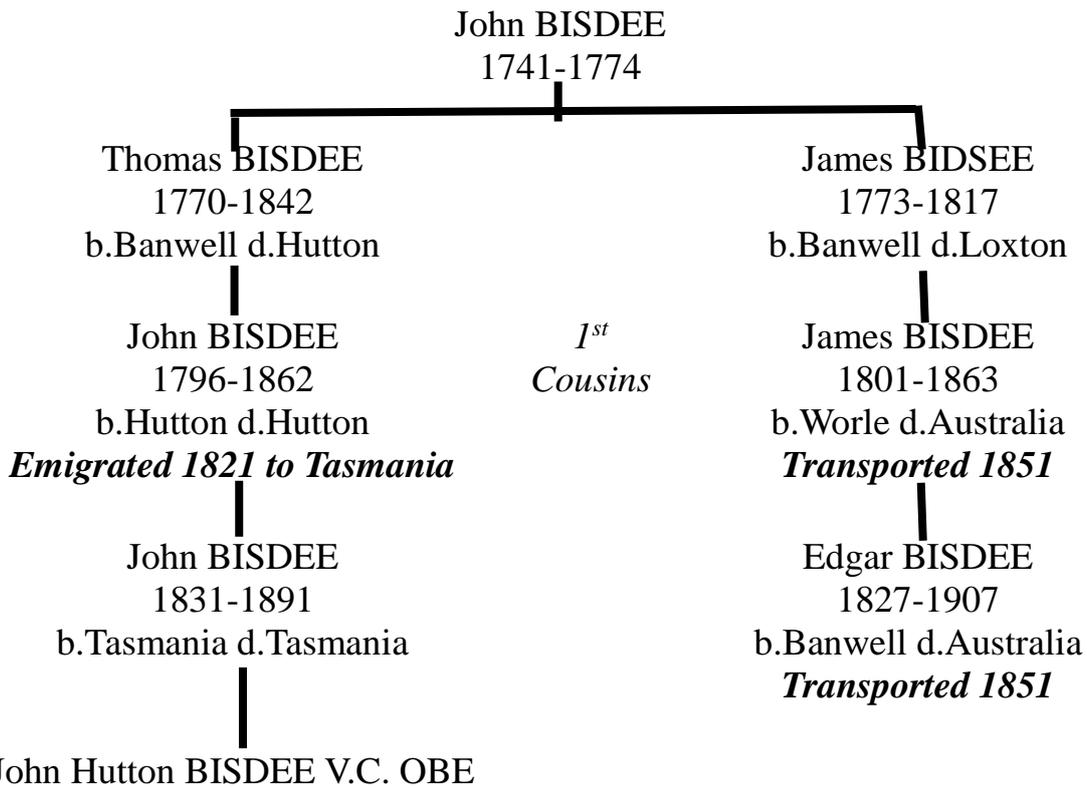
James senior and Jane had 10 children, between 1795 and 1814. The first four were christened at Worle and the rest at Loxton, when he was described as a 'farmer'.

This is where the connection shows to the Hutton BISDEE family. James senior was christened at Banwell Parish Church on 6 June 1773 and he was the son of John and Ann BISDEE (née KINGDON). He had an elder brother called Thomas BISDEE, who married an Elizabeth BISHOP, and whose children were therefore first cousins to the James BISDEE, who was transported. Thomas BISDEE began acquiring property in Hutton and Oldmixon. Eventually, his family owned and lived in Oldmixon Manor and Hutton Court.

Thomas's eldest son, John BISDEE, was christened in St Mary's Church, Hutton, on 19 April 1796, where he was later married an Ann GREEN on 28 September 1819. John and his new young wife sailed to Van Diemen's Land on the 'HMS Westmoreland', arriving at Hobart Town in May 1821. He was so impressed with Tasmania that he encouraged four brothers to follow him. Edward, Alfred, Isaac and George all took his advice and settled in Tasmania. John Bisdee, who was successful and respected in his adopted country, made several return visits to his birthplace and there is a story of kangaroos being spotted in the grounds of Hutton Court! He died in Hutton in 1862.

His grandson, appropriately named John Hutton BISDEE, won the VC during the Boer War, achieving fame as the first Tasmanian to be honoured in this way.

John Hutton BISDEE was married in 1904 to the daughter of a Bishop.



The Australian Dictionary of Biography contains entries about the BISDEE family - <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/bisdee-john-1786>

Editor: In last June’s issue, there was an article about the Hutton, Oldmixon and Locking Branch of the British Royal Legion. It mentioned that the first meetings were held in the early 1920s in a wooden hut build on land owned by the Bisdee Family, on the site now occupied by Hutton Village Hall. In May 1939, the Legion Hut and land were conveyed to the Branch by the Bisdee Family and this became the permanent home of the Hutton, Oldmixon and Locking Branch of the Royal British Legion, where it remains today.

Society Speakers 2019

Weston-super-Mare and FD History Society

Meetings at The Vintage Church, Hughenden Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2UR. The venue is open from 7.00pm with coffee/tea and biscuits. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

PROGRAMME

- **27 November 2018 - AGM Followed by Members' Evening - Memorabilia**

Who were your ancestors? Do you know any 'Black Sheep'? Do you have famous or infamous people on your tree? Be prepared to talk about your naughty but interesting ancestors!

Speakers: Members of the Society

- **No Meeting in December**
- **22 January 2019 – 'The Great Storm of 1903 and How It Affected the Somerset Coast'**

Speaker: Bill Caple

- **26 February 2019 – 'The Early Census'**

Speaker: Ann-Marie Wilkinson

- **26 March 2019 – 'Know Your Place'**

Speaker: Archivist from SW Heritage Trust

- **23 April 2019 – ‘Time, Gentlemen, Please’**

Speaker: Lynda Hotchkiss

- **28 May 2019 – Film: ‘Bristol’s Great War’**

Speaker: Clive Burlton

and more to follow . . .

The Gloucester Chronicle

The British Newspaper Archive has just added more years-worth of the above newspaper to their online archive. Total coverage for this publication is now 1833 - 1928.

by Jenny Towey

SWAG Family History Fair, Swindon 30 June 2018



**Sue Dury, Bill Caple and Graham Payne
on the WSMFHS Stand**

Diary Dates for 2019

<p>26/27 April</p>	<p>Family Tree Live Alexandra Palace, London</p> <p>A new venture, in a new-for-family-history venue, being organised by <i>Family Tree</i> magazine and the Federation of Family History Societies.</p> <p>www.family-tree.co.uk</p>
<p>27/28 April</p>	<p>Commemoration, Conflict & Conscience The M Shed, and elsewhere around, Bristol</p> <p>This festival is the culmination of a year-long project looking at stories of the First World War.</p> <p>https://everydaylivesinwar.herts.ac.uk/cc/</p>
<p>7/8 June</p>	<p>The Genealogy Show NEC, Birmingham</p> <p>This is another new venture being run by an international group of genealogists.</p> <p>www.thegenealogyshow.uk</p>
<p>27/28 September</p>	<p>AGRA* Conference Pembroke College, Oxford</p> <p>Commences with formal dinner on 27 September and lectures held on 28 September. You don't have to attend dinner and stay the night, if you just want to hear the lectures. Open to all, not just AGRA members.</p> <p>www.agraconference.com</p> <p>*Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives</p>

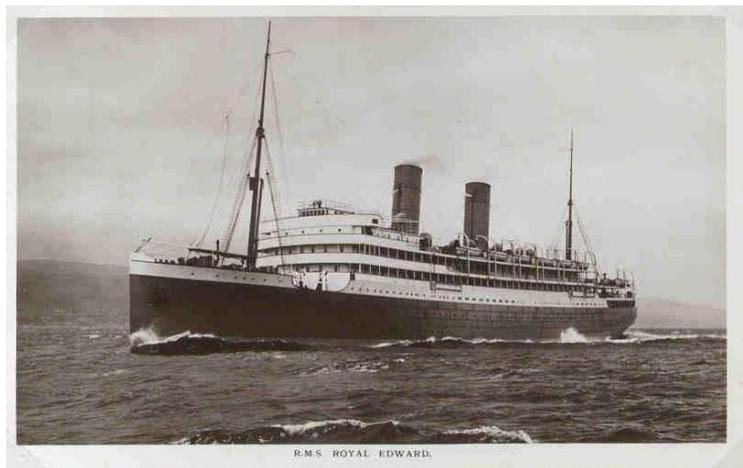
SINKING OF THE ‘ROYAL EDWARD’ **by Brian Yandell**

My grandfather, Frederick Yandell, was born in Gilbert Street, Bristol, in 1874. Living by the port of Bristol, he always wanted to go to sea and, when he was 15 or 16 years old (1889 or 1890), he went to Cardiff. There he went to the ship, ‘Goldsbro’ of West Hartlepool and he managed to sign on.

He sailed on many ships during his career and ended up as a First Engineer.

July 1915

Frederick was on the Canadian Northern Steamship ‘Royal Edward’ which was being used as a troopship transporting 1,367 officers, men and the ship’s crew.



‘Royal Edward’ sailed from Avonmouth, Bristol, on 28 July 2015 for the Dardanelles. A usual, she zigzagged her way to Malta and Alexandria and, on 12 August, she left for Lemnos. She was accompanied for part of the journey by the hospital ship, the ‘Soudan’, which left her early on the morning of 13 August.

My grandfather, who was working in the Engine Room, was asked by the Third Engineer to fetch some metal from the Store on an upper deck. While he was there, he felt a bump. He was unsure if they had been torpedoed as the alarm telegraph did not ring straight away.

He tried to go back to the Engine Room, but it was impossible because the ship was going down by the stern. The alarm was ringing loudly now and the outlet to the deck was jammed with soldiers so, knowing the layout of the ship, he managed to open a hatchway and called to the soldiers to escape from there.

With other soldiers, he jumped into the sea without a life belt and managed to swim to an upturned life boat. There, with help, they managed to right the boat releasing two soldiers who were under the boat.

They watched the ‘Royal Edward’ sink by the stern in less than 6 to 8 minutes.

The hospital ship, the ‘Soudan’, responded to the SOS and arrived about 4 hours later, rescuing 440 men, of which was grandfather was one, in 6 hours.

Two French destroyers and some trawlers also arrived, rescuing more men.

They returned to Alexandria, where he was eventually placed on board the ‘SS Demosthenes’ and returned home.

His wages stopped on the day that the ship sank, but the company gave the surviving crew a £5 bonus each.

My grandfather was the only person from the Engine Room to survive as, fortunately, he was carrying out a task on a higher deck.

The ‘Royal Edward’ was the first British transport ship to be sunk by a torpedo and the death toll was approximately 935 troops and crew.

The German submarine, ‘UB-14’, had followed the ‘Royal Edward’ for 6 nautical miles and carried out the attack off the island of Kandeloussa. It fired one of its two torpedoes from approximately 1 mile and hit the ‘Royal Edward’ in the stern.

I have written this account from my grandfather’s memoirs, which must have had a traumatic effect on him, because he was 77 years old when he wrote his account of the tragedy.

WESTON, CLEVEDON & PORTISHEAD RAILWAY

Editor: Last February's issue, featuring Bill Caple's interesting article and photos, prompted memories for two of our members. Their comments were included in our June issue. Since then, Bill has identified 3 other people in the photo.



Small white dots (l to r): John H P Capell, Cyril Betteridge and Allen Ball

Also, we were pleased to receive this message from Brian Austin.

‘Grateful thanks to Paul Tregelles from me as local historian. Very important identification of iconic figures.’

‘Florence Radford* 1892 – 1965, the Station Mistress of Worle (and great aunt of Laura Williams)

2nd of 9 children of Amos 1865 - 1938 of Milton Hill who was
2nd of 11 children of Abraham 1842 -1916 of Weston who was
10th of 12 children of George 1805 - 1876 of Congresbury who was
6th of 8 children of Reuben 1770 - 1845 of Puxton who was
6th of 7 children of George of Winscombe

*I have a note that Florence and her elder brother, Herbert, were born in Eglwysilan in Glamorgan. There was also a third child in Kewstoke.’

TREASURES FROM THE DEEP

by Sheila Mills

(Blue Anchor, Minehead, and formerly Weston-super-Mare)

It lay there neglected and discarded beside a skip - a large trunk, which had seen better days!

The owner no longer had a use for it and it was placed there by a builder, who had been turning out the attic of the old house which recently he had purchased. It was 1998 and in Sidmouth, Devon. I have this knowledge because I lived next door.

On closer examination, I found the black trunk was made of a tough leather material. On one side, there was a label 'Union Castle'. This trunk had travelled long distances years ago, possibly around the world.

So, what has this to do with Family History? Well, I had met the trunk's owner briefly, sadly now deceased, and the surname was Williams.

I googled 'Union Castle' on my computer to learn that the Union Castle line was a prominent shipping line, which operated a fleet of passenger liners and freighters between Europe and Africa from 1900 to 1977. Union Castle attached the word 'Castle' to the names of all their ships.

The ships ran between Southampton and Cape Town. I counted over 100 ships listed from 1901-1977, which were then superseded by a ship named 'Victoria' 1999 - 2000. There was also a Union Castle Royal Mail Ship which was important for transporting letters and parcels - a pleasure to be on the receiving end at Christmas time, no doubt.

Each ship that I listed had carried thousands of passengers over a period of time. For example, they had fascinating names from A – eg 'Arundel Castle' to Y - eg 'York Castle'. They were well-known for their lavender-hulled liners with black and red funnels.

What excitement, what hustle and bustle it would have been, over the years, with the changes in mode of dress and means of carrying one's possessions. It was a challenge to be a passenger aboard a large ship, crossing the ocean for many weeks and there were different classes aboard ship, according to one's means.

The Williams may have travelled thousands of miles over the years, taking their personal belongings in this trunk, but, unfortunately, I am unclear of the dates of their journeys. Being so sturdy, the trunk held up to being handled and, possibly, thrown at times.

I saw the builder one day and asked what he intended to do with the trunk. He replied that he was unsure. To this day, I wish that I had said I would like to take care of it.

On one occasion, it was open and revealed its contents! There were a pair of blue-striped pyjamas, a brightly coloured beach windshield and a sunhat.

I have often wondered what happened to that trunk.

Means of transport have changed over the centuries - from ships to aeroplanes. People once carried their possessions in trunks and suitcases, but they now use modern luggage on wheels!



One of my ancestors, Lillian Pentecost, a sister of my late mother, Beatrice Irene Pentecost, would have travelled on a ship in 1919 to Canada where she emigrated after marrying a French Canadian. Lillian never returned but, in the 1940/50s when food was rationed in this country, my mother received parcels which contained goodies!

Then & Now
by Bill Caple



Bleadon c1903--2017

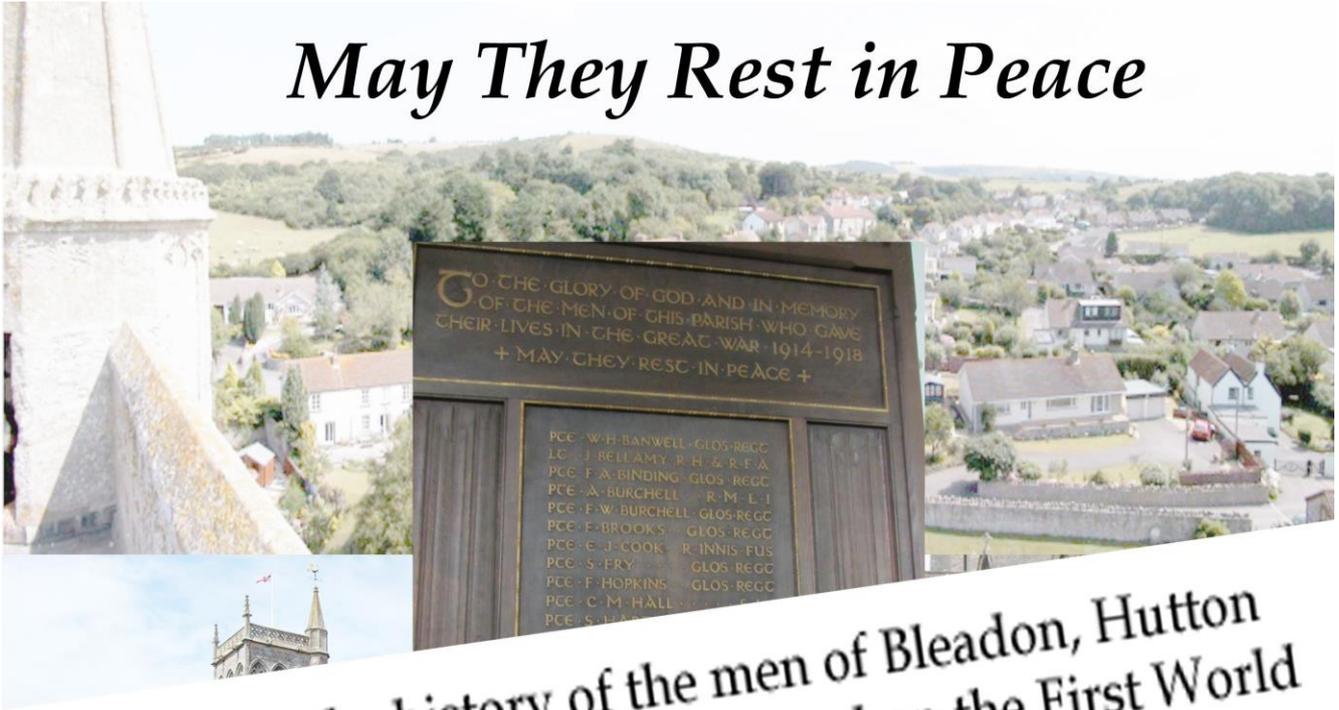


Burton House School
(Day and Boarding),
17, WALLISCOTE ROAD, Weston-super-Mare.
Situated near Sea. Established 1886.
Headmistress - Mrs. WEIR
(Assisted by the Misses Weir and Visiting Governesses and Masters).
Subjects :
ENGLISH, MUSIC, FRENCH, GERMAN, DRAWING,
PAINTING, CLASS SINGING, GYMNASTICS,
SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING.
MUSIC taught by Miss T. Weir, Bronze Medallist, R.A.
Sea Bathing. Private Park for Tennis.

Editor: Memories from Brian Austin. Thank you, and glad you were unharmed.

‘I attended the School (1946 – 1948), taken on the back of my mother’s bike in an attached ‘chair’, which one morning became detached and dumped me in front of oncoming cars by St Saviour Church in Locking Road. This was the first of a number of fortunate escapes concerning bikes!’

May They Rest in Peace



Read about the history of the men of Bleadon, Hutton and Locking who are commemorated on the First World War Memorials in these Parishes.
 Details from our website: www.wsmfhs.org.uk



To the Glory of God and in Memory of the Men of the Parishes of Bleadon, Hutton & Locking The Great War 1914 - 1918

**MEMORIES OF
WESTON-SUPER-MARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS
(1954-1962)
(Part 2)**

by Jerry Dorber

Trains

The Weston Grammar Schools took students from a very wide area. Those from Portishead and Pill went to Temple Meads on the train and then changed trains for Weston. Living in Clevedon, I went on the train from Clevedon to Yatton and caught the commuter corridor train that already contained youngsters from Portishead, Pill, Long Ashton and Backwell - and on to Weston. Youngsters from other localities, such as Banwell, Hutton, and Cheddar, went to school on the service bus. The transport costs for Somerset County Council, to ferry us to and from school, must have been considerable.

Somerset County Council did attempt to cut costs one year. Their plan involved putting all of us from Clevedon and Portishead on two ancient coaches run by Empress Coaches of Portishead. They were often late, sometimes broke down and were extremely over-crowded. The drivers found us to be an undisciplined bunch of passengers and frequently had to stop the coaches to remonstrate with us. Travelling by coach also meant that you couldn't stay after-school for clubs or detentions. After a couple of terms of mayhem, with late arrivals at school, travel sickness etc, we were glad that Somerset County Council saw good sense and put us back on the train to travel to and from Weston.

I, and about thirty-five other youngsters, used to catch the 8.00am steam train from Clevedon to Yatton, cross over the footbridge and wait for the 8.17am on the down line. In 1954, the eight to ten carriage train was usually so crowded there were never enough seats, so the 15 - 20 minute journey to Weston (stopping at Puxton & Worle and Weston Milton), would be spent standing in the corridor, sitting on the floor to copy homework or having a last look at material that should have been learnt for a test later that day. At Weston, you flashed your season ticket at the

gate, tore up the steps, over the footbridge and down the steps, and ran across the Station forecourt towards the No. 90 or No. 163 bus stop. If the buses were there, you ran as fast as you could to get on first. If they were late, then a huge noisy rabble gathered until the buses arrived. It cost two pence to travel on the bus from the station to Broadoak Road. If you were lucky, you arrived at school at about 8.50am. If unlucky and were later, you got your name taken - three times late meant a detention for one hour after school.

School Day

The day began with Registration in your classroom, then Assembly in the Main Hall. All the boys would troop in class by class - the youngest at the front and oldest at the back. The staff came in one by one, mounted the steps on the stage and stood in a semi-circle glaring at the assembled boys. Mr Whimster stood at the front of the stage, behind a small table on which was a small lectern. To one side was a larger lectern upon which was an open Bible. One of the older boys (usually a prefect) would read the lesson during the service.

Mr Whimster would welcome everyone, announce the hymn, 'Tommy' would strike up on the piano and we would all join in. The reading would be given, a few prayers said, a second hymn sung and then more prayers - sometimes followed by one or two School Notices. We would all troop out to our first lesson, whilst 'Tommy' played some stirring music on the piano or some symphony music was played on the School record player.

Break-time was at 10.30am and everyone was expected to be outside - prefects and patrolling staff made sure that you were. Free third-pint bottles of milk were available for those who wanted it and there was a tuck shop (run by fifth and sixth-formers), selling doughnuts, 'lardies', Chelsea buns and currant buns. Break finished at 10.45am and the second half of the morning's lessons resumed.

Before the new school kitchen and dining hall were built beyond the caretaker's house, the morning would end with a bell at 12.10pm. We would all line up in a noisy disorganised rabble outside the Main Hall, ready to devour our school lunch.

About 12.20pm, the teacher on duty would arrive, quieten us all down and let us file into the Hall. We stood behind the benches at our allocated tables and Grace would be said. After sitting down, the boys would be sent up, table by table, to get their food. There was no choice of menu. Main courses might be roast one day, salad the next, fish the next and so on. Puddings seemed to consist largely of milk puddings (sago, semolina or rice) with stewed fruit, usually prunes. We occasionally also had fruit salad, jelly and blancmange, apple pie and custard, trifle, chocolate sponge and peppermint sauce.

As boys left their tables to line up to collect their food, their absence provided an opportunity for others to sabotage the vacant table - either by salt being poured into someone's drinking water or the removal of eating implements!

After lunch, if fine, it was 'out on the field'. If wet, then 'back to classrooms' and prefects were allocated to each classroom. If it was wet, they would report any breaches of order to a patrolling duty teacher. The prefects had the power to issue detentions for minor problems, which meant an hour after school in detention after 24 hours' notice. Three prefect detentions in a half term meant one 'Master's Detention' - still an hour after school following 24 hours' notice. Three 'Master's Detentions' in a half term apparently meant having the cane from the Deputy Head ('Bill' Davies).

Afternoon school began at 1.30pm with Registration and a new round of lessons would begin. Games lessons were often in the afternoon. In the Autumn and Spring Terms, games would be either rugby or cross-country. If it was cross-country, that meant leaving school, crossing Uphill Road North, across the golf course, through the sand dunes to the beach, along the sands to Uphill, round the sea-wall, back along the sands, through the dunes, across the golf course and back to school. Some, who didn't like cross-country, would hide in the sand dunes on the way out and rejoin the stalwarts on the way back! In the Summer Term, we played cricket, though my particular interest was athletics.



**Weston Boys' Grammar School Athletics Team -
I am in the middle of the middle row**

I had always been a pretty good sprinter and a moderate high-jumper. I could already long-jump quite well, but the arrival of Dennis ‘Doug’ Field to the Staff of Weston Boys’ Grammar School in 1959, was a godsend for me. Dennis W Field had represented England in the Triple-Jump at the Empire and Commonwealth Games held in Cardiff in 1958. He must have seen some talent in me and I spent many hours with him after school, learning new techniques to improve my long-jump and triple-jump. In fact, I became Somerset Triple-Jump Champion in the County Athletics Championships at Taunton and, a few weeks later, was placed Second in the South-West Championships held at Sherborne in Dorset.

Day's End

School used to end officially at 3.50 pm. Boys who lived in Pill or Portishead had to catch the 4.02pm train to make the necessary connection at Temple Meads, or they wouldn't get home until 7.30pm! To catch the 4.02pm, those boys were allowed to leave around 3.30pm to catch the earlier buses to the Station. Some unsuspecting teachers could be tricked into thinking that you also had to catch that particular train. It was not unusual, therefore, to see double the number of those, who actually lived in ‘far-off parts of the world’, departing early from school.

After leaving school at 3.50pm, it was possible to catch an early bus to the Station and, after a sprint across the forecourt, you could get past the barriers onto the platform as the 4.02pm whistle was being blown. Sometimes it was possible to get on it, after running down the platform with the train already moving, with an obliging friend on the train, opening a door! There was always plenty of space on the 4.02pm and, with the connection at Yatton, I could be walking out of Clevedon Railway Station at 4.30pm, according to the Clevedon Triangle Clock.

The train that we usually caught was the 4.35pm to Paddington – ‘The Merchant Venturer’. Sometimes our homeward train ride was enhanced by celebrities being on board. One afternoon I remember, in late 1958, just ten minutes or so before the 4.35pm was about to pull out of the Station, onto the platform came Billy Wright (Football Captain of England) and his fairly new wife, Joy Beverley (of Beverley Sisters’ fame). Joy (without her sisters) had been performing in Weston and she and Billy were going home. The excitement amongst the boys was considerable and most of us took the opportunity to shake hands with Billy, once he was on board. I would imagine he was very grateful when the train finally got to Yatton and most of us got off, leaving him and Joy in comparative peace for the rest of their journey.



No. 6026 ‘King John Castle’ Class engine - ‘The Merchant Venturer’

Once or twice there were incidents on the 4.35pm train, perhaps the most memorable was one time when, within sight of the approaching signal box at Yatton, the train should have started slowing down, but it didn't. Everyone realised, as it thundered on towards Yatton, that we would not be getting off!

to be continued . . .

Some Useful Local Addresses

The Editor is always pleased to receive additions or corrections to this list, based on Members' experiences.

Bath Library	Tel: 01225 787400
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Bristol Family History Centre (LDS), 721 Wells Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 9HU	Tel: 01275 838326
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Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, Clevedon, BS21 1RQ	Tel: 01934 426020 email: <i>clevedon.library@n-somerset.gov.uk</i>
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Nailsea Library, Somerset Square, Nailsea, BS48 1RQ	Tel: 01934 426030 email: <i>nailsea.library@n-somerset.gov.uk</i>
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Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages, Town Hall, Walliscote Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 1UJ	Tel: 01934 427552 email: <i>register.office@n-somerset.gov.uk</i>
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**Map of the Parishes covered by the
Weston-super-Mare & District FHS**

On the rear cover is a map of the general area that we cover as a Society, showing the Parishes that are known to have existed in 1832. This basically equates to the same area that forms North Somerset District Council's boundaries plus that covered by the Axbridge Registration District which was set up in 1837:

1. Easton-in-Gordano	2 Portbury	3 Abbots Leigh
4. Portishead	5. Clapton in Gordano	6. Wraxall
7. Long Ashton	8. Weston in Gordano	9. Tickenham
10. Nailsea	11. Backwell	12. Flax Bourton
13. Barrow Gurney	14. Dundry	15. Walton in Gordano
16. Clevedon	17. Kenn	18. Yatton
19. Brockley	19a. Chelvey	20. Wrington
21. Butcombe	22. Nempnet Thrubwell	23. Winford
24. Kingston Seymour	25. Wick St Lawrence	26. Puxton & Hewish
27. Congresbury	28. Churchill	29. Burrington
30. Blagdon	31. Kewstoke	32. Worle
33. Banwell	34. Weston-super-Mare	35. Hutton
36. Locking	37. Christon	38. Winscombe
39. Uphill	40. Brean	41. Bleadon
42. Loxton	43. Biddisham	44. Compton Bishop
45. Axbridge	46. Shipham	47. Rowberrow
48. Cheddar	49. Charterhouse	50. Ubley
51. Compton Martin	52. Chew Stoke	53. Chew Magna
54. West Harptree	55. East Harptree	56. Berrow
57. Brent Knoll	58. Lympsham	59. East Brent
60. Badgworth	61. Weare	62. Nyland
63. Rodney Stoke	64. Westbury	65. Priddy
66. Burnham on Sea	67. Huntspill	68. Mark
69 Chapel Allerton	70. Wedmore	

The following Parishes were split as follows:

Clevedon into All Saints; Christ Church & St Andrew.

Nailsea into Christ Church & Holy Trinity.

Weston-super-Mare into All Saints; Christ Church; Emmanuel; Good Shepherd; Holy Trinity; St John; St Paul & St Saviour.

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